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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006 subjecting Claims 1-63 to

Restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-35, 49, 50-57, 59-63, drawn to a method of using a chemical array, classified in class 702, subclass 19. (If this group is chosen a species election is required.)

Group II: Claims 36, drawn to a method reading feature locations incapable of providing signal data, classified in class 702, subclass 22.

Group III: Claims 37-48, and 58 drawn to a method of rendering a predetermined pattern of feature locations, classified in class 702, subclass 23.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (1-35, 49, 50-57, 59-63) without traverse.

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